

# Shabaki language

**Shabaki** is an Indo-Iranian language and belongs to the subgroup Zaza-Gorani<sup>[1][2][4][5]</sup> of the Northwestern Iranian languages. The Shabaki language is spoken by the Shabak people<sup>[6][7]</sup> in the Mosul region of northern Iraq. It has similarities with the Northwestern Iranian language Gorani (or Hawrami), which is often referred as a "Kurdish dialect", although the Kurdish languages form an independent group within the Northwestern Iranian languages. Shabaki is a distinct language.<sup>[8][9][10]</sup> It also has elements of Arabic, Turkish and Persian language.<sup>[5][11]</sup> The number of speakers of Shabaki was estimated in 1989 to be between 10,000 and 20,000.<sup>[12]</sup> Currently, the number of native speakers of Shabaki is estimated at 250,000.<sup>[13]</sup> As Shabaki is one of the Zaza–Gorani languages, it is most similar to languages like Gorani (Hewrami), Bajelani, Sarli and Zazaki. Because Zaza–Gorani belongs to the Northwestern Iranian branch.

Shabaki is a language in its own right and not a spoken dialect of any other language, with its own vocabulary and pronunciations, despite the fact that words from many other languages have entered into it as a result of the geographical nearness to other ethnic tribes.<sup>[14]</sup>

Shabaki	
<span>شەبەکی</span>	
Native to	Iraq
Region	Mosul
Native speakers	250,000
Language family	<div>Indo-European <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li> Indo-Iranian<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Iranian<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Western<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Northwestern <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Zaza–Gorani<sup>[1][2]</sup><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Shabaki</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul></div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	sdb
Glottolog	shab1251 ( <span>http://glottolog.org/resource/luoid/id/shab1251</span> ) <sup>[3]</sup>

Shabaki	Zazaki	Southern Kurdish	Sorani Kurdish	Kurmanji Kurdish	Hewrami	Persian	English
çam	çim	çem/çew	çaw	çav	cem	čašm/češm	eye
ziwan	ziwan	ziwan	ziman	ziman	ziwan	zabân	tongue, language

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## Situation of the language

The Shabak people fear the demise of the Shabaki language especially after the occupation of the ISIS terrorist groups to their home in Nineveh plain, which led to the displacement of the majority of their population and the other groups residing in that area.<sup>[15]</sup>

## Pronouns

Shabaki	Zazaki	Southern Kurdish	Sorani	Kurmanji	Hewrami	Persian	English
emn-em	ez, min	mi	min	ez, min	emin, min	man	I, me, mine, my
etu	ti, to	tu	to	tu, te	eto, to	to, tu	thou, thee, thine
ew, îna	a, o	ew	ew	ew, wî, wê	ew	en	s/he, his, hers, him, her
hima-alama-gîşt	ma	îme	ême	em, me	ma	mâ	we, our
işma	şima	îwe	êwe	hûn, we	şima	şomâ	you, your
işan	înu, înan	ewane	ewan	ewan, wan	ade	işân	they, them, their

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